

COALITION MEMBERS

Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education

Alaska Chamber of Commerce

Alaska Council of School Administrators

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Alaska Mineral & Energy

Resource Education Fund (AMEREF)

Alaska Miners Association (AMA)

Alaska Oil & Gas Association

Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium (APICC)

Alaska Trucking Association, Inc.

Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC)

Association of Alaska School Boards

Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

The Alaska Support Industry Alliance

University of Alaska

Vocational Technical Education Providers Working Group (VTEP)

Alaska Vocational and Technical Center (AVTEC)

Alaska Parent Teacher Association (AKPTA)

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC)

PARW 2009- 2010 GOVERNMENTAL PRIORITIES



The State of Alaska continues to face a **shortage** of **skilled Alaskan workers** which threatens our **economic future** including the gas pipeline, construction, mining activities and petrochemical exploration and development. **Alaskan industries support** training and **educating** Alaskans for Alaska **jobs**.

Putting Alaska's Resources to Work Coalition calls upon the Alaska state legislators, state administration and departments to **take action** with resources and funding.

1. Align Statewide Workforce Development Efforts

- Support the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) as the authority for workforce development.
- Align the workforce development strategies and activities of state departments and agencies.

2. Invest in Alaska's workforce development and employment system.

- Support the workforce development strategies in the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) Training Plan, including regional training centers.
- Continue to upgrade and maintain the Alaska Labor Exchange System (ALEXsys) and Alaska Career Information Systems (AKCIS).

3. Increase investment in career, technical and vocational education and training at all levels.

- Increase funding and support for K – 12 career and technical education:
 - ◇ Include employability skills as a graduation requirement to include the Work Ready certification and AWIB's resolution (No. 08-02) for an assessment of employability soft skills.
 - ◇ Increase science, technology, engineering and math education.
 - ◇ Support the Tech Prep consortium to increase connections between secondary and post-secondary education and training.
 - ◇ Align K-12 career and technical education with industry standards and career information in the school curriculum.
- Increase funding and infrastructure for post-secondary education to support priority occupations training (high skill, high wage, high demand and high growth).
 - ◇ Expand and accelerate State Training and Employment (STEP) and other post-secondary programs aimed at high skills, high wage, high demand and high growth.
 - ◇ Expand post-secondary training opportunities in rural Alaska.
 - ◇ Support and expand professional development for educators such as Teacher Industry Externship (TIE) and Alaska Mineral and Energy Resource Education Fund (AMEREF).

4. Partner with industry consortia in workforce development to:

- Increase awareness of Alaska's high skill, high wage, high demand and high growth oil, gas and mining occupations;
- Assess critical short and long term workforce needs;
- Provide career information for teachers, counselors, students, parents and administrators;
- Develop curriculum, career information and pathway guidance materials;
- Maintain long-term financial and other resource support for workforce development.